



Eli Matthewson

Height 171 cm

Pronouns He/Him

MC / Entertainer Biography

Johnson&Laird

Event Highlights.

- 2025** Motat Pride Comedy Event, Motat - Entertainer
- 2025** EVES Real Estate Conference and Awards, Realty Group - MC
- 2024** Master Builders Member Event, Registered Master Builders Association - Entertainer
- 2024** Dining &Laughs In The Dark, Millennium Hotels - Entertainer
- 2024** REINZ Awards, Real Estate Institute of NZ - MC/Entertainer
- 2022** Blue &Gold Awards, Lincoln University - MC

The hilarious Eli Matthewson burst onto the television scene in 2013, starting out as a music presenter for TVNZU before becoming a main-stay on NZ screens. He has appeared as one of the rotating team leaders on 7 Days, was the head writer and a panelist on Have You Been Paying Attention, and currently is one of the resident comedians on Paddy Gower Has Issues. He is known for skewering our political figures, and is a master at turning current events into comedy.

As a live performer Eli is one of New Zealand 's best, and was the recipient of the Fred Award, the highest comedy honour in Aotearoa, in 2021. He has toured across Australia and to the Edinburgh Fringe where he received five-star reviews and sell-out shows. Based in Auckland, Eli returns to his hometown of Christchurch as often as possible to perform at events such as the famed World Buskers Festival. He aces live performances, which is why he can transfer his skills flawlessly to MCing. He can deliver a professional, polished yet entertaining and hilarious performance to anything he does. His ability to capture the crowd's attention with his quick-wit and candid jokes makes him an excellent host for all kinds of events

Eli is probably most well-known from his iconic stint on Dancing With The Stars, as part of the first ever same-sex couple on the show, as well as a lengthy stint on Celebrity Treasure Island and as a former host of The Edge Breakfast. His podcast, The Male Gayz, with fellow comedian Chris Parker has thousands of listeners across New Zealand and overseas.

Testimonials.

Eli did an amazing job hosting our 2024 REINZ Awards for Excellence. We wanted someone who would provide a fresh and upbeat element of entertainment to the formalities for our prestigious annual industry event celebrating excellence in real estate, and Eli delivered this in spades. His humour, energy and professionalism were expertly balanced for the occasion and he was very well received by our audience. A huge thanks to Eli and we hope to work with him again.

REINZ Awards for Excellence 2024

Testimonials continued...

REINZ

- Rose Bridge | Events & Sponsorship Manager

Eli was amazing, We had SO much great feedback from attendees about him following the event. It was evident he had done his research regarding the University prior, and made some fantastic jokes and stories which had the audience (including our Senior Management Team)in hysterics. He really listened to the MC brief and what we wanted (for it to be an engaging, memorable experience for our students)and truly delivered on it.

Blue and Gold Awards 2022

Lincoln University

- Samantha Budd | Events & Sponsorship Manager

As the 2019 SPADA Conference MC, Eli displayed an instinctual knack for making people feel at ease, as well picking up on key themes and humorous moments.

Eli brought a relaxed yet still professional quality to his work, and very quickly picked up on the audience's vibe and delivered the right tone and pace for the room.

The MC role for the SPADA Conference is very demanding. Not only running the main room and introducing the programme's keynotes and speakers, but also MC'ing the prestigious SPADA Industry Awards, and the logistically demanding South Pacific Pictures' Big Pitch. All of these elements Eli managed to handle with the appropriate aplomb and panache.

To top it all off, Eli is also a complete delight to work with: so I would highly recommend him for any future MC work.

SPADA Film and TV Conference

- Sandy Gildea | Executive Director